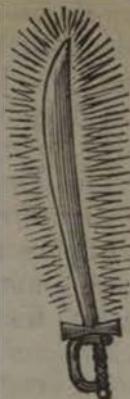


# THE SWORD

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OF SPIRITUAL TRUTH, AS DEVELOPING  
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"I will bring my people against thee with the sword."—W. M.

To our readers we would again address a few lines. We have now reached and fully embarked on the year 1863, and with its progress we are happy to hear and see that distress has begun to decrease in some of our manufacturing districts, and trust the time is not far distant when the swords of our brethren across the Atlantic will be beat into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks, and in place of the roar of cannon and the rattle of musketry, will be heard the sound of the hammer on the anvil, making preparation for the cultivation of the lands which have been lying idle, and the streets which have been deserted for the battle-fields be busy with the tramp of the artizan, and thus restore happiness to that land so long and fearfully visited with the scourge of God's wrath. And with the cessation of war may the time come for the ransom of our sable coloured brethren, and may the proud and haughty American learn to look upon the coloured race as being their brethren—of the same great family, having one common Parent; then will America become truly great, when she has removed the foul stain of slavery from the land—then, and not till then, will she be entitled to be looked upon as a free as well as great nation. Thus will she become fitted for the great work which lies before her, and, hand in hand with us, be prepared to establish universal liberty and love throughout the nations of the earth. Such we believe to be the destinies of the parent and her offspring. Thus is she undergoing her purification. Thus is England also being purified for her task, by the fire of God's wrath in a milder form, and soon will her long lost sons mingle again amongst us, and help us in the great work which lies before the two great peoples.

EDITOR.

## A NARRATIVE,

Shewing the sufferings and losses, both in reference to this world's goods and the sacrifice of friendship made by T.C.S. for the sake of what has now proved itself to be a great and glorious cause.

(Continued from our last.)

*Address delivered in the Sneinton Market Place, Nottingham, June 5th, 1862.*

True, as the Medium says, he did not ask me to sign it. That is a fact, but he dictated it, and left a space for my name as Secretary, which amounts to the same thing. I at once refused to sign it, and told him that it showed £15 in hand. Had he got that amount? "No," was his sharp reply, "it is explained in the Balance Sheet as plain as the English language will explain it." "But," said I, "explanation does not alter the figures. It plainly shows £15 in hand according to the figures." He contended it did not. Mrs. B. stood pale and agitated, and replied that it did not show that there was that sum in hand, and that she could see it plainly; and the consequence was, that the Medium rose up on his couch and stormed out at the top of his voice. I replied to his violence in these words—"It is no use storming and raving about it; that does not alter the fact, and therefore you had better send forth the account in your own name, and I will go. He declared he should not do anything of the kind. I put on my hat to leave the house, and Mrs. B. begged I would not go, and asked Mr. B. to allow me to examine the books and make out a fresh Balance Sheet. He replied that it was right, and could not be altered. She again proposed the same, and he replied that I might if there was an understanding. This for a moment astounded me, and the only conclusion I could come to was that he wished me to publish a fraudulent Balance Sheet, and I replied, "If I would do wrong for any cause, it would be for this, but I would not knowingly do wrong for this or any other, and again I prepared to leave the

house. Mrs. B. begged again that I might be allowed to look through the letters and books, as it was evident there was something wrong about the accounts. But I left the house, and said I would come up again, and when I got home I told Mrs. S. what had occurred, and I resolved not to go again until after the Auditors had been. I told Mr. H., who was appointed with Mr. M. to audit the accounts, to be on his guard, and not to be trapped into signing any false statement. Accordingly they went, and Mr. H. being there first, began to put the accounts in shape (let it be understood that Mr. H. had kept the accounts of community's money), but the dispensary account Mr. B. kept in the private book before alluded to, and which was objected to by Mr. C. When the accounts were again squared up they showed £9 in hand, and they were entered in the community's book provided to keep the accounts in. Mr. B. stated that he had got the wrong book with the dispensary account in—so according to this he kept two private books and two accounts of the income and sales of the dispensary. But it is more likely that a fresh account had been made out, and the old one destroyed, as the book was observed to have had leaves torn out of it. I also observed that the goods bought into the dispensary had been much increased to what they were in the Balance Sheet, written from the dictation of the Medium. The book being placed before me to write the Balance Sheet, I observed that the Auditors had signed it, showing upwards of £9 in hand, and as I was confident that there was not that money in hand from the Medium's own statement, made to me, I felt myself in a difficult position, as I did not know how to write the Balance Sheet. Knowing that the money was not forthcoming, I resolved at last how to do it. I stated that I had not kept the accounts for that quarter, and that I had given the account in accordance with the book, and that I would leave Mr. B. to explain about the £9 in hand. I inserted the account in accordance with the book and left a space at the bottom of the sheet for the Medium to make what statement he thought well concerning it. On the Sunday following I observed that his statement was, that we did not understand the books, and that was the reason why this amount was shown to be in hand. I pointed this out to the Circle, and told them that I should object to this statement going forth; the consequence was, that much unpleasantness ensued, and the same day the revelation, or purported revelation, proved to be false. In the same afternoon I stated that I did not believe it to be divine, as God, knowing the secrets of all hearts, would know that there had been monies put to other accounts that should have been placed to what was called the £12 Fund, appealed for to pay the printing expenses of the cause—this had reference to £1 10s. paid as contribution to this fund by the Loughborough members, which was placed to the dispensary, or the afflicted poor account. The revelation and accounts I shall, if permitted, give in another reading as soon as convenient, with many more particulars in reference to the £12 Fund, which will show that it had been obtained all but 15s. according to Mr. B.'s own statement, sent to another locality: this will explain the

cause why I told Mr. B. the revelation was either ariel or his own manufacturing.

I now can say confidently that it was his own Imagination, and spiritual impression combined with it on purpose to bring to light his fraud and duplicity. Let the Medium deny this if he can, as it is not the assertion of man, but given by a power which has watched over us who were suffering the vilest oppression at his hands, until our homes and properties were endangered by the fraud and duplicity he was practicing upon his followers, and thus draining our sweat and blood from us, and endangering the homes and properties of my fellow-townsman, in whose defence I have taken up arms, according to his own predictions at the onset of the cause. Let the Medium reflect on what he has foretold in reference to remarkable dreams that he sought the interpretations of for me, and he will find how literally he is fulfilling those assertions which he has always led me to believe referred to other persons. Let him also reflect on a statement made to me years ago by the powers God has appointed to watch over his faithful people, "that when the head or chief of the fruit fall, that on the branches must droop and fall also with great consternation :" how literally this has been fulfilled up to the present time the members of the Great Organization know, and will continue to know until truth is established on the ruins of truth and falsehood combined. Such has been declared would be the case, and is daily proving itself truthful, as 23 members in Nottingham have withdrawn their names, and there are others who declare they cannot place any more confidence in the man, or what comes through him. All the Isle of Wight members, who were suspended, have withdrawn, and nearly all Manchester members too—and thus is falling the structure called the Great Organization; but out of this we believe will arise a structure that shall progress with more speed, and shall assist in overthrowing tyranny and oppression wherever and whenever it exists in their ranks, until they are purified from every evil, and thus become a people prepared for the Lord.

If health and weather permit I purpose continuing these readings until all that is oppressive and displeasing to God is overthrown in the Organization, and you will oblige me by increasing the meetings as much as possible. As I proceed I must for the sake of my character reply to the libelous falsehoods published by the Circle and its Medium, but I must say that I feel deeply to regret that men whom I believe are anxious for the truth should be so far deceived and deluded by a man who will stoop to the basest falsehoods and calumny for the purpose of injuring a man who has been his greatest friend, and has endeavoured in every way to do him good until he could no longer do so through his fraud and duplicity. I hope to be enabled to obtain information by next Sunday that will overthrow and prove to be base lies, that which he has published and caused to be read by his dupes last Sunday in this market place, some of whom, it will be seen as we progress, are encouraging him in the vile course he is taking, as their letters will prove.

After reading this lecture or address I read the first

number of the *Universal Magazine*, and showed as I read it what was truth and what was error, as I have no fear of the truth being made known, and the falsehoods I do not doubt but I shall live to see them fall to the ground, like spent arrows, and pass harmlessly away, only leaving the things falsely spoken to show that God is just, and the Justifier of those who put their whole trust in him—as we are well aware that the Medium is now preparing the way for his own downfall, but doing it ignorantly, and 'ere long that which he thinks is addressed to others, he will find to his dismay the same as David did, that he is the man alluded to in the revelation, though he tries with all his might to shift the stigma from himself, though it can be plainly seen by those whose minds are now more enlightened on the subject, through divine revelation, that such is the case. The next address delivered was written under spiritual guidance. I was about to write a heading as before, addressed to my fellow-townsman, and when seated for the purpose it appeared as though every thought was taken from me, and I could not for a moment account for it. I felt a powerful influence, which appeared to seize upon me bodily and mentally, but quite unexpectedly, and I commenced to write under this influence, and the words appeared to flow through me without any effort on my part, or without being able to control them, and the following was written :—

"Address delivered in Sneinton Market Place, June 22, 1862. A continuation of fraud as practiced by the Medium or Prophet of the Lord residing in Nottingham, shewing why he is rejected by God and another chosen in his stead, as directed in divine revelation, and who will shortly be known to the people by the things he will be commanded to declare in God's eternal name."

It will be remembered that in our last we showed up the fraud and duplicity of this man, and how there were persons in the present Circle who were willing dupes to deceive the people, and shall now show, by using portions of their letters, that they are so. And now let them call to mind the circumstances that occurred in reference to the Balance Sheet, where I was instructed by one of them to wish the Medium to burn it; and also in reference to the £12 Fund, where a revelation was purported to be given from the throne of God, wherein it stated that little more than £7 had been given for that purpose, when we are prepared to prove that the sum had been realized all but 15s. according to the Medium's own words, as sent to another locality, and wherein it made the dispensary indebted to the cause the sum of £5, because the great cause used £5 from that fund; thus showing plainly to the people that it was not divine revelation, and was not believed to be so by the member of the Circle alluded to, as his own words written to me prove wherein he states that the Loughborough members have not seen the revelation, neither shall they, and that he is sorry it is made known at all, or words to that effect; thus it may be plainly seen that the person said to be appointed by heaven to take my place is knowingly deceiving the people, and hiding from them the fraud of the Medium, and no doubt this is owing to his having money owing to him

from the cause, through the fraud of the Medium; and so while he will assist in deceiving and defrauding others he has a right to suffer equally with the Medium, and no doubt will, as God is just, and will punish or reward even in this world according to the doings of those who profess to believe his words, which declare—"Encourage not or assist in defrauding or deceiving thy fellow-man or fellow-creature in thought, word, or deed, but remember that the Lord seeth and knoweth the secrets of all hearts, and will punish or reward accordingly."

Thus he cannot complain of God's injustice if he suffer equally with the Medium the disgrace and discomfiture of all those who do such acts in defiance of God's revealed will and words, as I have no doubt will be the case very shortly, therefore let all persons watch the progress of events in the Great Organization and they will shortly see that punishment come upon them that they deserve, by seeing the fall of their Medium in spite of every effort to uphold him. And now I will refer to another letter in my possession from another member of the Circle, as before promised. When I found Mr B. in the midst of the labyrinth of fraud, I made every effort in accordance with strict justice to rescue him from it, by laying the facts before the different localities, and soliciting them to raise him above want by continuing to pay his rent, and giving him the dispensary for his own use and the sum of £30 per year beside, and this, with his pension and the many presents he received from friends, I considered would accomplish this end. And when writing on this subject to one of the localities I received a very insulting message, not to me only, but to all the members of this locality; and in one of the communications received it is stated that Mr. B.'s income would be more precarious by giving him the sum named, or affixing such sum. I understood this to mean that they were willing that the Medium should do as he had done heretofore—live by fraud and duplicity, sooner than run the risk of not obtaining the full amount promised him. Now, if it was the work of God the Medium was engaged in, he need not have feared that he would protect him, as the position he had been raised to proves that while he followed out something like honesty, he was protected and cared for; but as soon as he was determined no longer to allow the cause to be carried on justly, so soon we believe his fall commenced, and he is gradually sinking to desolation, as pourtrayed by him years ago, when we believed that he was a chosen instrument of God: such words declared that when the "chief of the fruit or head fell, that on the branches would droop and fall also with great consternation." This has been partially realized in the Organization, and we believe will be, until it becomes more apparent still, as time will shortly prove; therefore let these two refrain from assisting the Medium to carry out his designs to further defraud the people, as pourtrayed unto them in his purported revelation called the Thirteen Clauses, which I will here read for your enlightenment, so that you cannot say hereafter that I have not faithfully warned, not only the members of the Great Organization, but also the public at large as far as Nottingham is concerned, and I believe it will yet be done to other places as well; but time will shortly show whether this will be the case or not. As Mr. Brown says, in what he declares to be divine revelation,

(To be continued in our next.)

To the Members  
NOW  
forming the nucleus  
OF THE



*The New Jerusalem come down from God out of heaven.*

Beloved brethren, — We have now lived to see the dawn of brighter days for our country. The great crisis has reached its climax, and the cloud of darkness and gloom which has enwrapped the commerce of the nation is breaking, and the rays of sunshine are gradually and surely breaking through the dense mass of poverty which has visited the land, until the people have had to cry out, "Give us labour and our children bread;" and this wail has been heard, and the nation has responded to the cry, and sent to the famishing people a supply of bread. And labour is gradually flowing back to the deserted mills, and the business of the cotton districts, so long closed, is again on the move, and 'ere long we trust that poverty will be swept from our manufacturing towns and cities, and the homes of the people be gladdened with labour and bread in abundance; and though Nottingham has not suffered equal with Lancashire, yet she has not escaped the terrible disaster, and with many other places, has suffered much, and many are still suffering, but we believe with the Winter will pass the severity of the distress, and as the year rolls along, gradually unfold to us brighter hopes and happier days.

On the 30th of January, 1863, I received from Mr. J. G. H. Brown three Circulars of Appeal to the lords, bishops, prelates, and clergy of the Established Church, and to the noblemen and gentry residing within the realms of this great empire, issued by the order of the Spiritual Circle, through their Medium, calling on the people for contributions to assist in bringing out a New Bible, stating that they had been commanded in divine revelation to make the appeal. Having suffered much in assisting to bring out other works myself, some of them now quite useless, which I have sold for waste paper, keeping a few of each, except the *Scriptural Magazine, and Charity, Rest, and Freedom*, which I was instructed to keep, these I have carefully preserved, and not feeling inclined to be again deceived or defrauded, I asked a question through the great, high, and holy Angel

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Gabriel, whether the appeal was instructed to be made by divine revelation or not. If it had been, I should have felt bound to do all I could to assist in its issue, either by my influence or money, and the answer to the question was as follows, commanding it to be printed at once.

REVELATION. I, Gabriel, the Angel of the Lord of Hosts, am commanded to declare unto thee that this appeal is a base invention of man, and will bring its own overthrow, therefore heed it not, but cast it to the winds, and warn the people against this further attempt at fraud; and though these assertions may be treated with contempt, the time is *near, yea, very near*, when the people will acknowledge the truth of these assertions. Therefore let this be issued immediately in the *Sword of Truth*, lest any that are anxious for the truth be led astray thereby. Thus I, Gabriel, the Angel who communicated with the Prophets of old, am commanded to declare, for the guide and instruction of the people, who have been brought from under the yoke of the tyrant, who must now speedily fall, even in the moments of his anticipated victory, never again to rise, and thus fulfil past assertions, given through himself to the world, and then shall the peoples' eyes be opened to see the great and glorious light now descending to His chosen flock.

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